

**Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting  
January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012 at 7 p.m.  
Municipal Building  
90 N. West Street  
Spencer, IN 47460**

Board Members present: John Stantz, Dean Bruce, and Cynthia Hyde

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, Street Supt. Larry Parrish, Sewage Dept. Supt. Shelly Edwards, Anton Neff, Sheila Reeves, Building Supt. Bob Bandy, Jim Baughn and Michael Stanley

**MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** Dean Bruce nominated Cynthia Hyde for president, seconded by Jon Stantz. Cynthia Hyde won by a unanimous vote.

Dean Bruce nominated Jon Stantz for vice-president, seconded by Cynthia Hyde. Jon Stantz won by a unanimous vote.

Next, Cynthia Hyde named the Board Appointments for 2012 as follows:

Spencer Police Department	Cynthia
Spencer Sewer Department	Jon
Spencer Street Department	Dean
Spencer Board of Zoning Appeals	Jon
Spencer Plan Commission	Jon
Parks & Recs	Cynthia
Affordable Housing	Cynthia
Alcoholic Beverage Commission	Sharon Parks
Building Department Joint Collaboration	Dean
COAD	Dean
Community Corrections Advisory Board	Cynthia
District 7 Task Force	TBD
Emergency Management Planning Committee	Cynthia
Local Emergency Planning Committee	Cynthia
Clay\Owen\Vigo Solid Waste District	Jon
Owen County Economic Development Comm.	Cynthia

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR December 19, 2011 REGULAR MEETING**

**Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0**

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES**

Anton Neff was present on behalf of the Joint Advisory Board concerning the combined building department appointment. He stated that the first recommendation they made had withdrawn his interest in the position, therefore the County Commissioners voted this morning on the 2<sup>nd</sup> recommendation, Billy Roberts, as their unanimous choice. Discussion followed, with Jon Stantz questioning whether Mr. Roberts would continue to keep his business. Anton Neff stated he did, but felt they had a work around in place whereby other companies would be called in to inspect if Mr. Roberts was involved in the work. Mr. Stantz expressed his dissatisfaction with the way the selection process proceeded. He stated that if the committee's recommendation was followed through on in a timely manner, the first candidate would have been available. He further stated that he felt that Mr. Roberts was not the best candidate not only because of the potential conflict of interest, but because of the part-time aspect of the position, when the purpose was to hire someone who would be able to eventually devote full time to it. Anton Neff said there were other options available whereby Sheila Reeves could contact other companies on the list to complete the work if there were conflicts or availability issues. Dean Bruce stated that since they went through the process and spent the time, he felt that it should be given a chance to see if it would work.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the recommendation of Billy Roberts as the joint building inspector due to the fact that the candidate that was originally chosen had withdrawn his application. The motion was seconded by Cynthia Hyde, and it passed 2-1.**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT** Nothing to report.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT** Larry Parrish reported that his crew is currently cold patching.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT** Shelley Edwards reported on current maintenance issues.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY** Cynthia Hyde stated there was nothing to report, but wanted to remind Shelley Edwards and Larry Parrish there was a meeting at Station 4 tomorrow in regards to narrow banding.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY** Mr. Lorenz announced that the annual seminar with the county and town government officials will be held on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9 a.m. The program will focus on interpersonal group dynamics and will be held at the IGA building. Mr. Lorenz also presented three contracts for signature. Two are for appraisers and one for survey services, in relation to the Hazard Mitigation Project. Mr. Lorenz also suggested that there should be some discussion between the town and the county regarding the ADA project taking place on the northside of the courthouse.

**IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS** Dean Bruce asked Jill Curry from OCRA for an update on the Tivoli Project. She stated that the Tivoli was not funded, but they would be planning a follow up visit and applying again in February. He next asked what was needed if the town was interested in a Main Street Project. She said the town could do a planning study, and form a Main Street Group. She reminded the board that they could not file for two grants at the same time. She stated that after July, they would know about the Tivoli and be able to begin on the Main Street Planning Grant.

**IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS**  
Jon Stantz motioned to accept claims as presented, seconded by Dean Bruce and the motion passed 3-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**  
Jon Stantz motioned to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. seconded by Cynthia Hyde and the motion passed 3-0.

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Cynthia Hyde, President	Jon Stantz, Vice-President	Dean Bruce, Board Member

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer